

# Senate Study Bill 3059 - Introduced

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
ENVIRONMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON DEARDEN)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act requiring whitetail to be tagged as farm deer.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1. NEW SECTION. 170.4A Requirements for keeping  
2 whitetail — identification as farm deer.

1. A landowner shall not keep whitetail as farm deer unless each whitetail is individually identified with a distinctive and easily discernible ear tag affixed in either ear of the animal as specified by rule promulgated under the department's rulemaking authority. The department shall make the ear tags available to landowners and others at convenient locations within each county and shall sell such tags at a price not exceeding the cost of the tag.

2. Each landowner shall keep a record of the ear tag numbers for all whitetail kept by that person as farm deer, and make those records available to any appropriate representative of the department of agriculture and land stewardship or the department of natural resources.

16      Sec. 2. Section 170.5, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended  
17 by adding the following new paragraph:

18     NEW PARAGRAPH.   *d.*   A statement verifying that the landowner  
19   has a record of the ear tag numbers for all whitetail kept as  
20   farm deer as required pursuant to section 170.4A.

21      Sec. 3. Section 170.6, subsection 1, Code 2011, is amended  
22 by adding the following new paragraph:

23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *od.* Failed to individually identify each  
24 whitetail kept as a farm deer with an ear tag, or to keep  
25 a record of the ear tag numbers, or to make such records  
26 available to an appropriate person as required in section  
27 170.4A.

28 EXPLANATION

29       This bill requires a landowner who keeps whitetail as farm  
30 deer to individually identify each whitetail with a distinctive  
31 and easily discernible ear tag, as specified by rule. The  
32 department shall make the ear tags available to landowners  
33 and others at convenient locations within each county and  
34 shall sell the tags at a price not exceeding the cost. A  
35 landowner is required to keep a record of the ear tag numbers

1 for all whitetail kept by that person as farm deer and to  
2 make those records available to appropriate representatives  
3 of the department of agriculture and land stewardship or the  
4 department of natural resources.

5 A landowner shall not release whitetail kept as farm  
6 deer onto land unless the landowner provides a statement to  
7 the department of agriculture and land stewardship and the  
8 department of natural resources verifying that there is a  
9 record of the ear tag numbers of the whitetail being released.

10 The department of agriculture and land stewardship may  
11 suspend or revoke a fence certification allowing a landowner to  
12 keep whitetail as farm deer if the landowner fails to properly  
13 tag the whitetail, fails to keep proper records of the ear  
14 tag numbers, or fails to make such records available to an  
15 appropriate person as required by the bill.